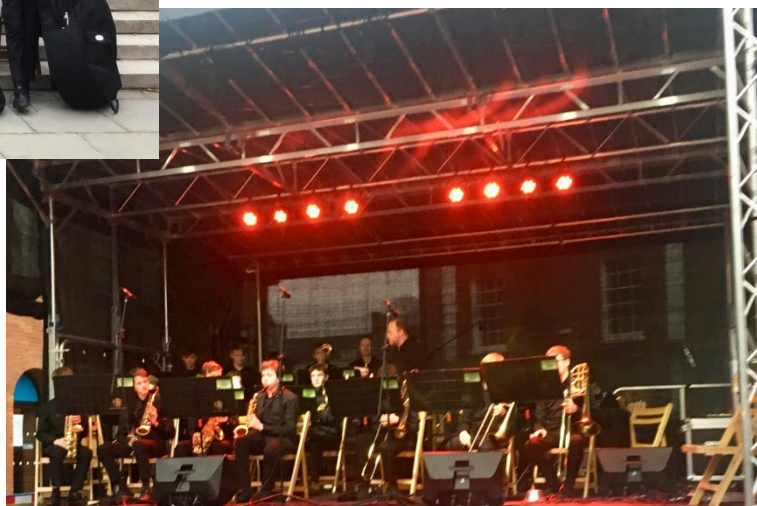
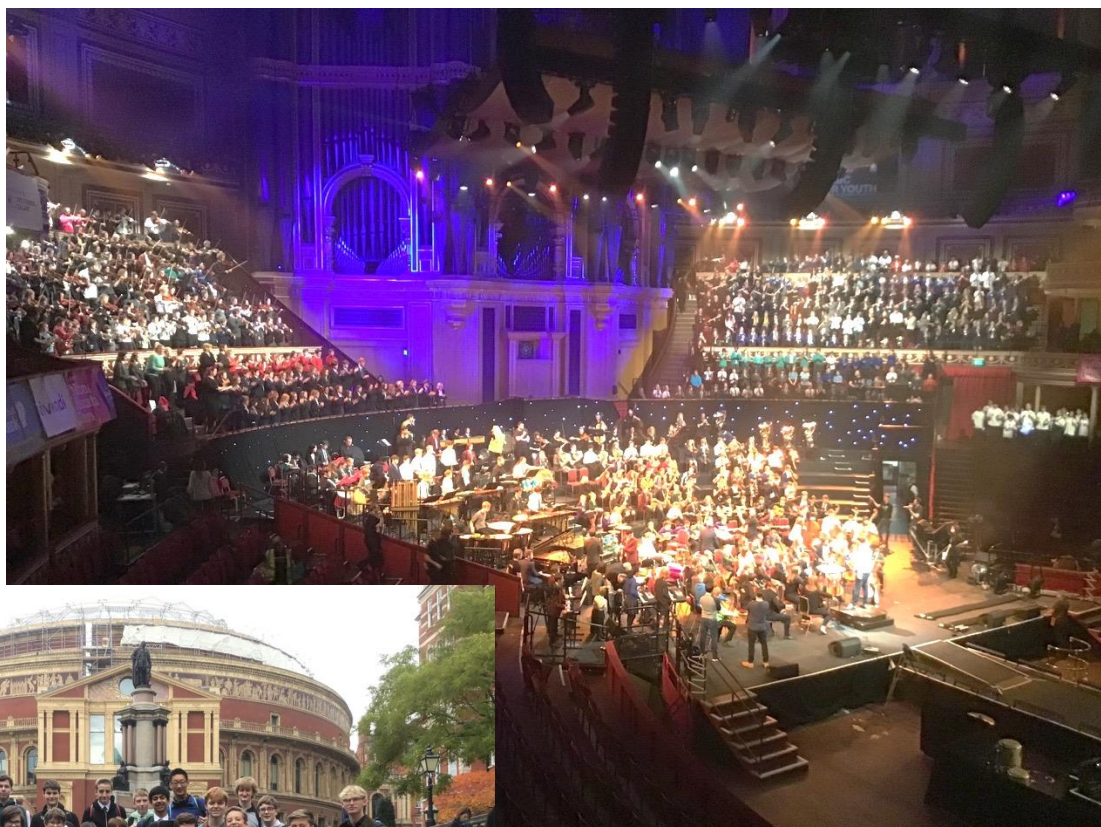
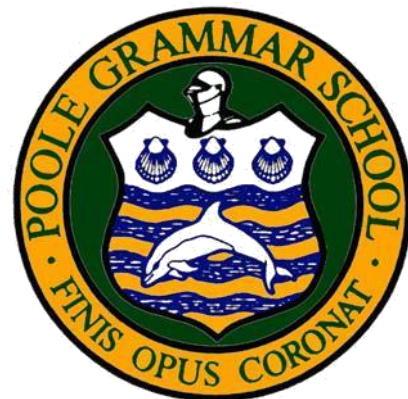


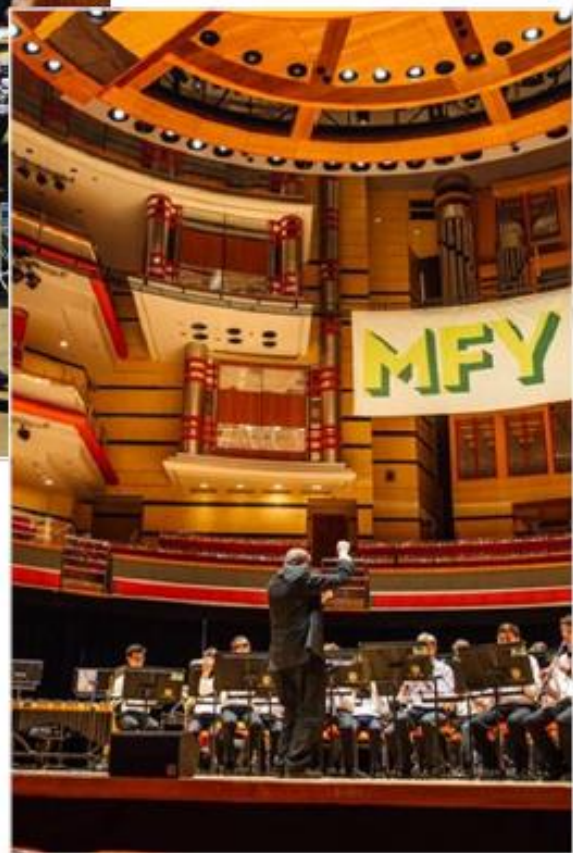
# Poole Grammar School

## Music Department

### 2022 - 2023









Dear New Students and Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the musical opportunities for your son in the Music Department here at Poole Grammar School. We normally have a very busy programme of activities, with many students in every year group involved in music making to a high standard. The pandemic had a huge effect on us here, but we are bringing back our enjoyable, rewarding musical activities as we rebuild our fantastic Music Department!

The Music Department has purpose-built accommodation in the Ashley Thorne Building, opened eleven years ago in 2010. Facilities include two Music Classrooms, two large Music Studios, five small Music Studios and a Recording Studio. In addition, the Cleave Hall is a large multi-purpose performance space, shared with the Drama Department.

Many performances take place throughout the year at school and in the community. In the summers of 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018, we were delighted that the PGS Concert Band, Senior Percussion Ensemble and Big Band were invited to the National Festival of Music for Youth, performing at Birmingham Conservatoire, the iconic Birmingham Symphony Hall and Birmingham Town Hall. Shortly before lockdown, the PGS Big Band played for the Christmas shoppers in Wimborne Square, for the switching-on of Christmas lights in December 2019.

There are many great opportunities for music-making in the school and we look forward to supporting your son's future musical progress. I do hope your son will enjoy the musical opportunities here.

I ask you to supply information to me at Poole Grammar School by completing the online Instrumental Tuition form. I am particularly keen to have accurate information regarding Instrumental Tuition, so that I can make the necessary staffing arrangements in good time.

Even if your son is not a specialist musician, his musical development is important to us. It is very useful for us to see students' previous musical experience so that we can give appropriate classroom opportunities, in addition to the extra-curricular ensembles. Please complete the online form for our Music Ensembles if you want to register an interest.

With many thanks and best wishes,

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## Autumn Term 2022

### PGS Autumn Concert - November 2022

There's been a huge impact on our musical activities in 2020, as with all aspects of our lives, but we're getting back to normal at this time.

Preparations for the Autumn Concert will take place in extra-curricular sessions during the Autumn Term. This concert will showcase the work of all our PGS Ensembles. All parents and friends are most welcome.



### Poole & Parkstone Grammar Schools – “Grease” Autumn 2022

We alternate the running of a major musical show, every other year, with Parkstone Grammar School. They take the lead this autumn with the fabulous “Grease.” This show will run in the week before half-term.

We take huge pride in all our students as they move on in life. In this connection, one of our Poole Old Grammarians, Dan Partridge, currently plays the lead part of Danny Zuko in the touring production of “Grease”!

### Poole Schools’ Music Association Christmas Concert - December 2022

Musicians from Poole Grammar School join forces with students from Poole Schools to present an evening of festive music at Poole’s Centre for the Arts, in the Lighthouse Concert Hall. We hope this will go ahead this year towards the end of the Autumn Term.

### PGS Christmas Festival Service

A regular event in our calendar is the annual Christmas celebration. PGS Voices, the Parent Staff Association Choir and Orchestra lead the music in a service of readings and carols at St Mark’s Church in Talbot Village. Again, we will just have to see what is possible when we resume in the Autumn Term 2022.



## Spring & Summer Terms 2023

A variety of musical events takes place throughout the year, including workshops for students, joint concerts with Parkstone Grammar School and plenty of informal music-making around the Music Department!

## Music Ensembles

Those students having music tuition at the school are encouraged to make a contribution to one or more ensembles, as appropriate. However, students having tuition out of school are equally welcome to participate in PGS Music Ensembles.

**PGS Voices** - All singers welcome.

**Wind Band** - Wind & Brass players, Grade 2 upwards.

**Junior Percussion Ensemble** - Percussionists and keyboard players.

**Music Theory Club** - A free weekly lunchtime session in support of students studying Music Theory.

**GCSE Workshop** - A weekly lunchtime session devoted to the support of students taking GCSE Music

The other Ensembles we have at the moment are open to players by audition and invitation, taking account of the difficulty of the music played. If your son is around the required minimum standard, he can see me at any time to request an informal audition.

All students are encouraged to participate fully in the musical life of the school, through membership of one or more of these Ensembles. Regular attendance is expected as a commitment – so that Music Department staff can help students achieve the highest standards.

**Joint Concert Orchestra\*** – wind, brass, string and percussion players, Grade 2/3 upwards.

**Joint Orchestra\*** – wind, brass, string and percussion players of higher standard.

\* Both these ensembles currently run at Parkstone Grammar School, so our students go down the road after school on a Wednesday to join forces with theirs, to work on a range of enjoyable music repertoire.

**Big Band** - (by audition / invitation) Trumpeters, Trombonists, Saxophonists, Grade 4/5

**Brass Ensemble** - Brass players, Grade 4 upwards.

**Saxophone Ensemble** - (by audition / invitation) Saxophonists, Grade 4/5 upwards.

**Senior Percussion Ensemble** - (by audition / invitation) Percussionists, Grade 5 upwards.

**Music Studio Bookings** - There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in informal music making in the Music Department; depending on Music Tuition in progress at any time, some of the Music Studios may be available to book at lunchtimes and after school.

Finally, something for Parents and Friends of Poole Grammar School, an opportunity for all singers;

**PSA Voices** - All adult singers, parents and friends, are invited to come and sing. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and commitment. Some long-standing members of the PSA Voices have sons who left the school some time ago! A great opportunity to become part of the Music community at Poole Grammar School.



## Instrumental Tuition

Tuition is offered to pupils on the following instruments:

**Piano, Keyboard, Organ**

**Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass**

**Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone**

**Trumpet, Cornet, Horn, Trombone, Tuba**

**Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar**

**Drum Kit, Orchestral Percussion**

**Voice**



Lessons are of 20 or 30 minutes' duration and given on an individual basis and there are 30 lessons per year. Music Theory tuition is offered free, as a lunchtime activity.

### Music Tuition Fees (2022-2023)

12 x twenty minute lessons - £180 / 12 x thirty minute lessons - £240 (Autumn Term)

10 x twenty minute lessons - £150 / 10 x thirty minute lessons - £200 (Spring Term)

8 x twenty minute lessons - £120 / 8 x thirty minute lessons - £160 (Summer Term)

Prices will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be subject to change.

**Instrumental Hire** may be available, please contact the Music Administrator for details. A small number of instruments are available for hire from the school at a cost of £30 per term via ParentPay. Hire of these instruments is for a basic period of six months, after which parents are expected to provide an instrument for their son. I regret we cannot hire pianos, keyboards or drum-kits! Local music shops also operate rental schemes, thus enabling beginners to play without a substantial outlay in the initial stages. There is an assisted purchase scheme available for the purchase of the instruments within school, in addition to the "Take it away" scheme run by the Arts Council. Details of the school scheme will be available to new pupils when they join the school. The website for "Take it Away" is: <http://www.takeitaway.org.uk>

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE ask expert advice, BEFORE buying any instrument.** Our Music Tutors here are happy to offer advice on this, if you wish, when they meet your son for lessons.

If you would like your son to have musical instrument lessons, please complete the Music Information Form enclosed. **Please remember to read and sign the Instrumental Tuition - Terms and Conditions Rolling Contract, to indicate your agreement.**

Those students registered for Free School Meals are eligible for a reduction in music tuition fees through the Pupil Premium. Please ask the Finance Department for details via email: [Finance@poolegrammar.com](mailto:Finance@poolegrammar.com).

Once your son's music tuition arrangements have been confirmed, the school Finance Office will invoice you for payments to be made via ParentPay.

**Please return the paper form to the address below by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 or, ideally, use these online forms for your responses.**

[Instrumental Tuition](#)

[Music Ensembles](#)

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